Grade 'C' & above — Once in 6 months

Joint Inspection — 20% of Retail Outlets to be covered in a year.

In addition, 10% of the Retail Outlets will be covered once a year under random inspections by Officers of "C" Grade and above.

Further, Oil Companies also conduct vigilance drives at the instance of Ministry of Petroleum & Natural Gas. Ministry of Petroleum & Natural Gas recently established an Anti Adulteration Cell headed by an Officer of Joint Secretary, as Director General, to investigate the Complaints related to various malpractices, including those related to quantity, at retail outlets.

In order to eliminate the malpractices such as short supply of petroleum products in the Retail Outlests, a revised Marketing discipline Guidelines — MDG, 2001 with stringent penal provisions have been introduced and Oil Companies are taking action as per these guidelines.

Exploration of Natural Gas at KG Basin

1065. SHRIMATI VANGA GEETHA: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Oil and Natural Gas Corporation has struck natural gas in a new well in Krishna Godavary Basin in east Godavary District of Andhra Pradesh;

(b) if so, the estimated quantity of gas from this reserve; and

(c) by when commercial production of gas is expected from this reserve?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI SANTOSH KUMAR GANGWAR): (a) Yes, Sir. In June 2001, Oil and Natural Gas Corporation Ltd. (ONGC) has struck gas in the exploratory well, Pasarlapudi No. 32 located in Pasarlapudi field in East Godavari District of Andhra Pradesh.

(b) and (c) The production potential of this well needs to be evaluted to reassess the volume of gas already estimated in the Pasarlapudi field. As this filed is having established infrastructure, the well will be put on production after completion of assessment.